

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. CE - 517

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Gaylen House Ruin

other

### 2. Location

street & number Fair Hill N.R.M.A. , off of dirt access road

not for publication

city, town Elkton

☒ vicinity

county Cecil

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maryland Department of Natural Resources

street & number 580 Taylor Avenue, Tawes State Office Building

telephone (410) 260-8186

city, town Annapolis

state and zip code Maryland, 21401

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

tax map and parcel

city, town

liber and folio

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Individually Listed in the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ HSR or Research report at MHT
- ☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	_____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory**

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

\*See Attached

Inventory Number: CE-517  
Gaylen House Ruin  
Cecil County, MD  
C. Mazurek  
July 1998  
Section 7.1

The Gaylen House Ruin is located in Cecil County, within the Fair Hill N.R.M.A., and off of the dirt road that crosses the Management Area. It is to the west of the Big Elk Creek, to the east of Gallaher Road, to the south of Maryland route 273, and north of Brewster Road. The closest property to the structure is the Tyson House Ruin.

This Ruin is two and one-half stories tall, "I"-shaped, and two-bays long by one-bay wide. It has a fieldstone foundation with the upper stories covered with wood clapboard. The roof has a replacement covering of sheet metal and a central brick chimney. All the windows and doors have been removed, except for portions of the plain wood trim.

The Gaylen House is in poor condition.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register    ☒ Maryland Register    ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, and a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, discuss evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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The Gaylen House Ruin appears to date from the late Nineteenth century, and is important as an example of frame architecture within the Fair Hill area.

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT:

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning.

#### Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic

Known Design Source: None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title *C. Mazurek,*      *Historic Sites Surveyor*

organization *Maryland Department of Natural Resources*

date *9/28/98*

street & number *580 Taylor Avenue, Tawes State Office Building*

telephone *410 260-8192*

city or town *Annapolis*

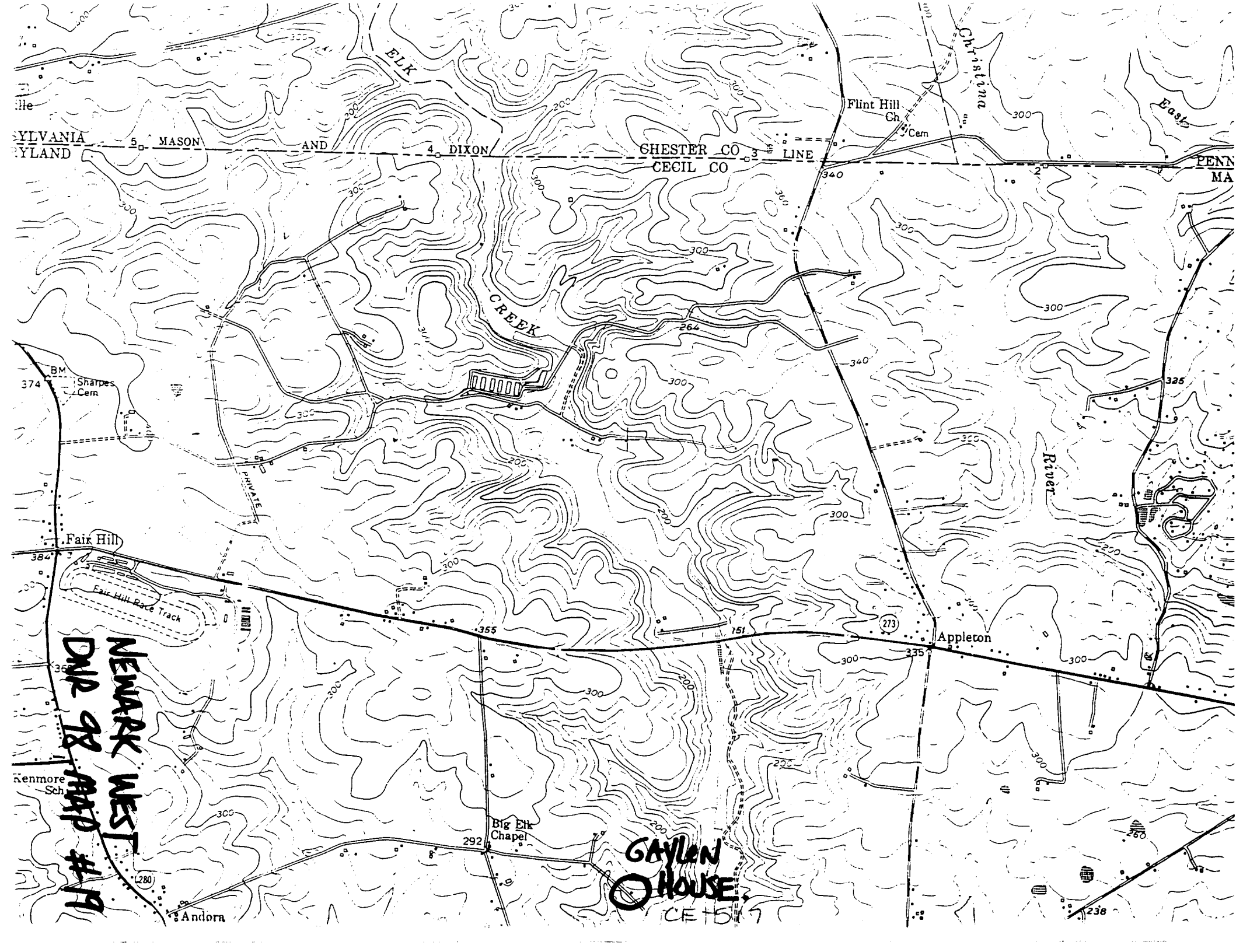
state and zip code *Maryland 21401*

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return to:      Maryland Historical Trust  
                     DHCD/DHCP  
                     100 Community Place  
                     Crownsville, MD 21032-2 023  
                     410-514-7646



## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Gaylen Farm House

CE 517

File #434

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1/4 mile west of Big Elk Creek between Creek and Chapel

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF Fair Hill Fourth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber # WAS 347

Folio # 415

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21911

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This was a farmhouse owned by the Galyen family in the late 1800's. It is a two-story frame structure three bays by two. The exterior is covered with clapboard and the building rests on a stone foundation. There is a gable roof with box cornice and cove molding. The window sash has been destroyed, but local resident says it was 6/6. The window frames have caps.

The house is surrounded by a stand of trees and is in bad repair.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

(E-517)

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATESBUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Typical late 19th century farmhouse. Has a commanding view of the Big Elk Creek Valley and a magnificent Red Beech stands next to it.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

George W. Lutz III, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Cecil Historical Trust, Inc.

DATE

May 20, 1976

STREET &amp; NUMBER

R.D. 2

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Rising Sun

STATE

Maryland 21911

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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LEWISVILLE  
PENNSYLVANIA  
MARYLAND  
5 MASON AND 4 DIXON  
CHESTER CO 3 LINE  
CECIL CO

DNR- MCCLARY HOUSE  
CE-771

BUNTING HOUSE  
CE

DNR-33 SCHOOLHOUSE  
CE-758

DNR-1617 BARN, FEED MILL

DNR-28 MCMASTER HOUSE  
CE-362

DNR-13 HAY LOFT  
CE-300-E

DNR-04 FINLEY BARN  
CE-301-A

DNR-12 SMOKE HOUSE  
CE-300-13

DNR-03 CARP TAKERS  
HOUSE

DNR-10 BEERS HOUSE  
CE-300-

DNR-47 BARN  
CE-364-A

DNR-45 HOUSE  
CE-364

DNR-50  
NEW COVERED BRIDGE

DNR-02 FINLEY HSE  
CE-301

DNR-11 BEERS BARN  
CE-300-A

DNR-03, 93, TRACK STRUCTURES  
CE-552

DNR-103 CLUB  
CE-75

DNR-01 COVERED  
BRIDGE CE-238

DNR 90-102 TRACK  
STRUCTURES CE-552

DNR-77 HOUSE CE-544

DNR 51 HOUSE

DNR 53 STABLES

DNR 56 STONE HOUSE CE-363

DNR 64 STONE STABLES CE-366

SCOTT MILL DAM

TYSON HOUSE  
ROINS CE-527

GAYLEN HOUSE  
ROINS CE-517

COVERED BRIDGE  
SITE CE-516

HOUSE RUINS

SCOTT MILL RUINS  
CE

NEWARK  
WEST  
QUAD.

CE-517

563 III NW  
(BAY VIEW)  
LITTLE  
ELK  
ANT HILL 1.5 MI.

Providence

Kenmore  
Sch

Andora

Big Elk  
Chapel

Granies

Cowe



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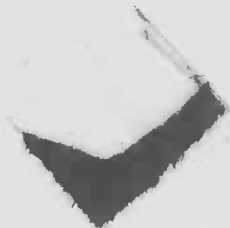
GAYLEN FARMHOUSE

John Hnedak 1980





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HOUSE RUINS, GAYLEN HOUSE, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

S.W. ELEVATION

<No. 37 68 180 2561 N N N 64 2



CE-S17

HOUSE RUINS, GAYLEN HOUSE, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WEST ELEVATION

19  
1997 DEC 16 09:01 AM N N 14 2